WAR REMINISCENCES.

THE DRUM.

Rataplan! Rataplan! In the forefront of the van "Is a little beardless drummer-boy that leads the bearded man.

See the limping veteran Keeping step as best he can To the little beardless drummer-boy's commanding rataplan. Rataplan:

How old recollections come, At the heating of the drum. Of the battle's mad fantasia, the throbbing and Of the rifles' rataplan

In the forefront of the var Where the drumstick was a bullet and the parchment was a man. Rataplani -National Tribune.

FISH FOR SUPPER.

Sherman Was Flooded Out by Foragers.

Ingenuity was the characteristic that made Private Ed Grim the handy man of his company, that helped him to be always comfortable, often well fed and got him into more scrapes than any other private in Company K of the One Hundred and Fifth, Ohio. That is saying a good deal, for Company K was the best band of foragers in Sherman's army, and of all that command they were fattest, sauciest and most full of fight during the march to the sea. Ed was ragged and usually had enough for a good meal between marches, but despite his tatters he sighed after luxuries which for the most part were unattainable to private soldiers. It was this craving for something tasty that made him go out with two comrades on a secret foraging expedition one afternoon in Tennessee just as the army were going to encamp by a little creek. Sherman's headquarters were pitched on a little meadow by the river bank, on a beautiful green sward, when the three privates went up the creek to find something good to eat. They did not go far until a small pond was found, a sheet of water which looked as though it might be full of fish. It was artificially backed up for a mill dam by an embankment of woodwork kept in posi-tion by big logs. The three were in search of fish, and having east their impoverished lines waited patiently for something to bite. But the fish were sly and had evidently no intention of becoming part of a hungry soldier's supper. Grim was in despair and his comrades swore as it is the immemorial right of every private the world

over to do on the least provocation.

Then, like a spark of genius, Grim
a glorious idea, he thought, that would not only contribute fish to the supper of himself and his comrades, but supply something toothsome for all the sighing members of Company K. He confided his plans to his two friends, and all three set out to gather brushwood. This they piled against the wooden dam, and when enough had been gathered the fagots were lighted, and the three schemers sat down on the bank, lit their pipes and awaited results.

Their plan was to burn down the dam, let the water escape, and catch all the fish they could carry, as the rushing water left them high and dry in the lake bed, and that plan was carried out to the letter. When the big wooden supports were well eaten into by the fire the weight of water above the dam began to bulge the woodwork, and little spurts would trickie over into the almost dry bed of the creek below. Soon there was a crackling above the roar of the flames, and, with a wild plunge, the waters of the pond carried the dam away, burst



THE THREE COMBADES WERE IN THEIR GLORY.

into the river bed, overflowed the slight banks, and in one big wave went swooping down the valley.

Then the three comrades were in their glory. They jumped about in the mud, yelling like madmen, laughing, hallooing and screaming as they went after the wriggling and aston-

It was near nightfall before the dam burst, and by that time the three Ohioan musketeers had loaded themselves up with the fresh provisions, which were still wriggling as if afraid of the camp fires they could almost smell-darkness came over the camp in the valley. They hurried back to Company K with their precious load, and as the three figures were lost in the gloom toward camp an aide on horseback galloped up to the pond. He saw the burned and charred dam, still wet from the outrushing tide, and with a soldier's intuition knew that some reckless "bummer" from the camp had been there, guessed the ob-ject of the wrecking of the dam, and

hurried back to report. Meantime there was confusion, dampness and profanity at headquarters. The tide let loose by Private Grim and his comrades had swept the meadow where Sherman's tent was pitched and had played havoc with the quarters of the general and his staff. When the aide made his report orderlies were sent through the various regiments to arrest any soldier caught with fish in his possession. The camp of the One Hundred and Fifth was smelling like a restaurant, for over meant a good deal more then than every fire there was a fry of fish, but now, as the exigencies of the war

their canteens would rush off into the darkness, and although the orderlies were busy till midnight, Gen. Sherman never found out who flooded his camp and so got fish for supper .-Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

A SOUTHERN WAR-HORSE. An Equine Veteran of the Confederate

Army. Many of the annual visitors to Aiken

have seen or heard of "old Jim," an old gray horse, better known to some as Wheeler. This old horse is owned by Mr. W. T. Williams, of Aiken. Old Jim is fourteen and a half hands high and weighs nine hundred pounds when in good health.

For thirty years he has done service on the plantation of Mr. Williams, his work being gradually lightened as infirmities have crept upon him. At the present time he has the run of the pasture and enjoys a well-earned rest. For ten years after the war he fol-lowed the fox hounds each winter.

Old Jim came from the mountains of East Tennessee, and took part in the battle of Atlanta. Falling back be-



on the flank of his army, old Jim's coat was daily stained by the red mud from the hills of Georgia. Crossing into South Carolina, he bagged through the swamps of the low country and bore his rider gallantly in the fight at Great Saltcatcher, in Barnwell county, in South Carolina. From that point, accompanying Pigue's command, un-der Gen. Wheeler, he brought his master, Lieut. McMahon, of East Tennessee, on the left flank of the invadng army, to Aiken.

When Sherman's army, prssing hrough Barnwell county, reached the line of the South Carolina railway, Gen. Kilpatrick, with his cavalry, made a bold dash westward for the purpose of destroying the cotton mills at Graniteville, five miles west of Aiken, and possibly the confederate powder mills in Augusta, Ga., thirteen miles further west of Graniteville. At Aiken they met with the forces of Gen. Wheeler and were repulsed after a sharp skirmish, and retired to the main body of the army. This fight determined the future fate of old Jim.

His rider, Lieut, McMahon, charged with him down a road, now South Boundary avenue, right in front of the house of Mr. Williams. They had hardly passed the front door when both horse and rider fell, the rider with a mortal wound in the breast and old

Jim with a ball in his neck. Lieut. McMahon was taken into the house of Mr. Williams, where he died in the dining-room a few hours later. The stain of his life-blood is still on the pine floor. Jim was condemned as Mr. Williams begged for his life and nursed him back again to health and usefulness. From that day to this the old horse has never known a sick day, and the indications are that he will yet be able to show for several years the scars of battle and the brand "C. S." upon his shoulders.

Judges of horseflesh pronounced Jim seven years old when he fell into the hands of his present master, which makes him now thirty-six years old .-

A New Story on Grant.

When Gen. Grant was in Japan the emperor invited the general to cross the imperial footbridge near the palace of Tokio, across which none but blood royal had ever trod. Gen. Grant accepted the invitation and walked across beside the mikado, until they reached the center of the bridge. Then he stopped, profoundly saluted the emperor, and said:

"Your majesty, I have come so far to the honor you would do me, but I cannot violate your traditions. Let us return the way we came."

The perfect tact and courtesy of Gen. Grant on this occasion is very gratefully remembered by the nation which has the just distinction of being called the most polite people on earth. Americans visiting Japan are held in high favor, and are always treated with the greatest consideration. On the other hand, they greatly dislike the English. They are brutes and bulldogs.-Detroit Tribune.

An Opinion. During the war a soldier who took part in a foraging expedition found a bottle of whisky and proceeded to console himself for the hardships he had endured during the campaign. On returning to camp he was placed in the guardhouse and his condition reported to the captain.

"How did he get into that condition?" asked the captain.

"He captured a bottle of whisky." "How did he manage to do that?"
"I am not sure, sir," said the sergeant, "but I think he surrounded it."

-Harper's Magazine. ADMIRAL MEADE was merely a lieutenant at the outbreak of the civil war, and he did not attain the rank of commander until three years after the close of the conflict. It is several years since there has been a man on the list of admirals that held higher rank than lieutenant commander dur ing the civil war; but such rank meant a good deal more then than as an orderly would come up the men | placed the responsibility of command who were cooking fish in the lids of on many lieutenant commanders.

FARM AND GARDEN.

ABOUT SWEET CLOVER. Nexious Weed in the North, Useful Forage

Plant in the South. In a recent bulletin Prof. Goff describes sweet clover as a noxious weed It is extremely common in many northern states, abounding in waste places along roadsides and to some extent in fields. It is large and tall, resembling alfalfa so.newhat, although much coarser. The leaves are large and succulent. It is extremely fragrant when in bloom and is an excellent honey

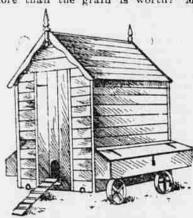
In most of the west and central west as well as in the northern states it is regarded as a nuisance, but Prof. Tracy finds that it is valuable for reclaiming waste land, as it grows not only upon rich soil, but thrives on the poorest kind of land. The large roots contain a vast number of tubercles which aid largely in enriching the soil. Prof. Goff says: "The decay of all the large roots not only supplies plant food but aids in draining the land by forming numerous narrow passages through which the soil water finds an outlet."

In the south, however, this clover is regarded as a useful forage plant. Although not eaten by cattle at first, they soon learn to relish it. If cut early it is there regarded as valuable as cowpea, red clover or Japan clover Its great value there, however, consists in its power to renovate the soil, doing for the south in this line what red clover does for the north. Prof. Goff, however, states that, admitting it has useful qualities, the sweet clover is a coarse, homely plant, and where permitted to grow its tall flower stalk is certainly offensive to the eye, and the annoyance it causes would warrant its destruction. It should not be allowed to bloom or mature seed. This plant is easily got rid. of in cultivated fields, a single year being sufficient to remove it if the work is carefully done.—Prof. L. H. Pammel, Iowa Agricultural College.

PORTABLE HEN HOUSE.

How Poultry Can Be Made to Utiliza Waste in Grain Fields.

There is always more or less grain lost in harvesting-shelled off the heads or broken down out of reach of the reaper. When grain was high in price farmers could afford to ignore this waste and let it seed the land with a volunteer crop. The writer has often herded cows on the great Colorado wheat fields, that were seeded in this way. In these times, however, RYE—No. 2.
"every little counts," and even the HOGS..... in this way. In these times, however, waste in the grain fields must be picked up and utilized. But whose labor is so valueless that it will not cost more than the grain is worth? Mr.



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MANY USES OF TAR.

To the Poultry Raiser It May Be Said to Be Indispensable. Poultry raisers seem to have failed to learn the value of tar. It is valuable in many ways, says C. W. Norris in the Epitomist. I am led to believe that to tar the fence around the poultryshow you that I was not insensible to house, instead of whitewashing, will be much better. It will contribute largely to the durability of the wood, protecting it from storm and time. It is in the poultry-house that the value of tar is the greatest, for it conduces greatly toward healthfulness. When cholera makes its appearance, we would advise, first, a thorough cleaning of the house, next, an application of tar on all the joints, cracks and crevices of the inside of the building, and then plenty of fresh whitewash properly applied. The tar absorbs or drives away the taint of disease, and makes the premises wholesome. The smell is not offensive, in fact many people like it, and it is directly opposite to unhealthy. To vermin, lice, etc., the smell of tar is very repulsive. and but few will remain after you have tarred the house. A neighbor of ours was once troubled with chicken cholera, and by adopting the above, in connection with removing affected fowls, he soon put a stop to its ravages. A small lump of tar in the drinking water supplied to the fowls will be found beneficial. It is also very beneficial to the human system in case of consumption, bronchitis and severe colds.

> KEEP the cultivator going and the surface of the ground frequently stirred in all the growing crops. This not only keeps the weeds at bay, but also lets the heat into the soil, and through that agency forces along the growth. That "tillage is manure" may not be quite true, yet it greatly aids the growth of plants.

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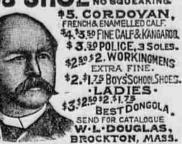
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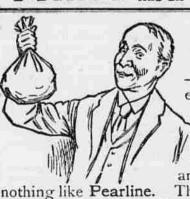


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